

Social Side of Washington

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Washington, D. C., March 25.—In-
formality in the keynote of the modern
Lent, since have been loosened—or is
it consequences—and so the strict-
est members of Lent-observant
churches dream of the old rigorous
way of keeping the season of ab-
stinence and ashes. The fests and fest-
cum of newcomers in diplomatic and
political circles, and a steady stream
of distinguished international visitors
to be feted, combine to make it well-
nigh impossible to have it otherwise
at the capital. But setting on the prin-
ciple, "better a poor Lent than none,"
society makes opportunity for enough
self-denial to soothe a prodding con-
science and rest a weary brain, or, as
one grand dame recently expressed it,
"to do the things we really like to
do, and get acquainted with the mem-
bers of our own households."

The Mr.-enrme celebration and
Pentateuchal Bernstorff pre-nuptial
festivities, the coming of world-famous
Tetrazzini and many out-of-town vis-
itors, inspired a special social activity
this week, which will last well into
the next cycle of days. On Monday
the haut monde will appear like a
springtime to witness the German am-
bassador's only daughter a bride and re-
turn from the city two of the most
popular younger members of diplo-
matic society. The same evening the
Swiss minister and Madame Ritter will
entertain a large dinner company,
which will include Miss Taft and their
house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Henri
Stahl, of Zurich, who arrived at the
legation from New York yesterday.
Later Mr. and Madame Ritter will en-
tertain the latter's parents, who are

expected in April to make their first
visit to the United States.

Chevalier von Loewenthal-Linau,
counselor of the Austro-Hungarian
ambassy, and Madame von Loewenthal-
Linau are saying farewell to a wide
circle of acquaintances for the sum-
mer, and plan to sail for Europe the
last of March. They will be missed
and their return a hoped-for event of
the early fall season.

Gaily caparisoned officers of the
French vessels now visiting American
waters gave brilliancy to the land
scape and inspiration to hospitality
several days this week, while they
were guests of Ambassador and Am-
bassess. The French embassy and
Viscountess d'Azay, of the embassy
staff. They were guests of honor at
a large dinner at the French embassy
Tuesday evening, 200 or 300 additional
guests being invited to meet them at
a reception later in the evening.

Realizing its own loss and her dis-
appointment, society deeply sym-
pathizes with Madame Ali Kuli Khan,
the American wife of the Persian ambas-
sador, over the illness of her
nephew by marriage, which upset her
interesting program of social events.
Intended to commemorate the 6,000-
year-old Persian festival of the New
Year, Novrooz, as it is called in the
vernacular of its native heath, last
thirteen days from March 21, and be-
ing the most important season on the
calendar of her adopted country, Ma-
dame Khan had expected to mark it
well this year in Washington, had not
the development of fever in her nephew
necessitated a curtailing of her
plans. As it was, only the initial day
was celebrated, and that with the ad-
ventive of the farwell courtesy to
be shown by Mirza Khan and his wife
to the new Treasurer-General of Per-
sia, W. Morgan Shuster, and Mrs.
Shuster, and other members of the
American Finance Commission for Per-
sia. The departure of this band of
New World business men appointed
to reorganize the financial scheme of
new Persia, with their wives, is an
epoch in the affairs of the East, and
to further show their appreciation of
its moment, the Persian charge and
Madame Khan will go to New York to
bid them bon voyage when they sail
March 29, for the Land of the Lion and
the Sun.

The long-looked-for new minister
from Argentina is due to arrive at the
legation to-morrow, figuratively crown-
ed with laurels of success as an official
of his government in Paris. So-
ciety will welcome Dr. Naor, but
sage the early leave-taking of Senor
and Senora Villegas, who have en-
dured themselves to many during the
year they have acted as hosts of the
Argentine legation in this city. The
Villegases will go direct to London,
and hope to be established in their
own home for the coronation festivi-
ties, which will furnish material for
the next chapter in their international
experience.

Senor de la Plaza, the Vice-President
of Argentina, who was expected to
come to this country with the new
minister, has been obliged to postpone
his trip, which is official, for a year,
much to the regret of society in gen-
eral, and John Barret, the willing first
aid to hostesses, in Washington, in
particular. But it is not as society's
regrets the Argentinian's change of
plans, but as the director of Pan-
Americanism in the United States, for
he had planned to formally launch
at a dinner to be given in honor of
Senor de la Plaza the Latin-American
Society, which is intended to be to
the Americas what the Pilgrim So-
ciety is to England, the Japanese So-
ciety to Japan and the French Alliance
to France. Mr. Barret was in New
York this week developing new plans,
and no doubt when the psychological
moment comes the new society will be
as satisfactorily launched as if the dis-
tinguished visitor whose presence was
to mark its birth, was not delayed and
the sea of Pan-Americanism was not
ruined on the Mexican border.

With victory perched high on his
brow, Hon. Thomas C. Dawson, the
special peace envoy of the United States
to Honduras, arrived in Washington to-
day, and with Mrs. Dawson will be
wined and dined evening after evening.
Thus will end his flying trip to Cen-
tral America, charged with the task
of leading the Hondurans back to
stable government ways and a better
financial basis. Before leaving Fuero's
Corte, where the conference took
place, for Tegucigalpa, where Provi-
sional President Bertrand was inaugu-
rated, Mr. Dawson was congratulated
by his colleagues for the part he had
taken in the restoration of law and
order in Central America, which in-
cluded carving another rung in the
ladder of arbitration for the United
States.

The plans for the spring social sea-
son are full of musicals, dinners and
at fresco receptions, for which in many
cases the wives of the new members
and Senators will be the inspiration.
Mrs. Taft has already inaugurated a
series of Friday evening musicales.
Monday evening dinners for the young-
est set and theatre parties by way of
variety for other evenings. Countess
von Bernstorff, daughter of the Ger-
man ambassador, and her niece, were
her special dinner guests on the day
of her glad return to the White House.
Later she and the President, accom-
panied by Miss Mabel Boardman and
Captain Logan to be major, but were
delighted listeners at the Tetrazzini
concert, manifesting their thorough
enjoyment of the prima donna's won-
derful voice by generous applause, and
the singer, not to be surpassed in re-
sponding or spontaneously responded twice
with two choruses each time. On these
occasions she fairly broke all records
of an opera singer by giving as
difficult arias for choruses as were on
the original program, and finally com-
pletely captured the house by singing
"The Last Rose of Summer."

Thursday evening President and Mrs.
Taft occupied the presidential box at
the Columbia, witnessing Miss Ann
Thatcher's performance of "Miss
Annapolis" with their house guests.
Thatcher, wife of Judge Hollister of
Hingham, Mass., is a semi-invalid, and
she and her husband, who are in the
Mexican border situation may in fu-
ture be expected in Washington instead
of New York.

With the Stars and Stripes waving
high above the White House since
Monday on Monday, proclaiming the
presence of the Chief Executive, be-
neath the official roof Cabinet house-
holds are also reassembling, and the
social side of the government is again
in the foreground. In the future
the Mexican border situation may in fu-
ture be expected in Washington instead
of New York.

Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman
the day after yesterday spent more time
on the affairs of their colleagues, re-
turned from a brief trip to their
home in Ohio, where Mrs. Sher-
man is recovering from a semi-invalid.
Time of Mrs. Sherman to be here
place at the luncheon given by Mrs.
Eugene Hale, wife of the retiring Sen-
ator, and incidentally an aggregation
of the latest variations in Bohemian
style.

The ex-officio premier of the Cab-
inet and Mrs. Knox are back from an
enjoyable vacation on the Florida
coast and the additional member, with
to their old home in New York. Mr.
and Mrs. MacVeagh returned on Wed-
nesday from Boston, and Secretary of
War Dickinson has decided to postpone
his official inspection of the Central Zone
until after the departure of the President.
The Postmaster-General continues to
attract attention upon the belief of
society, and Secretary Wilson on the
side of the widows of distinguished sol-
diers of whom there are many who
make their homes in Washington, while
official family divides his time about
home in Illinois, where Mrs. Fisher is

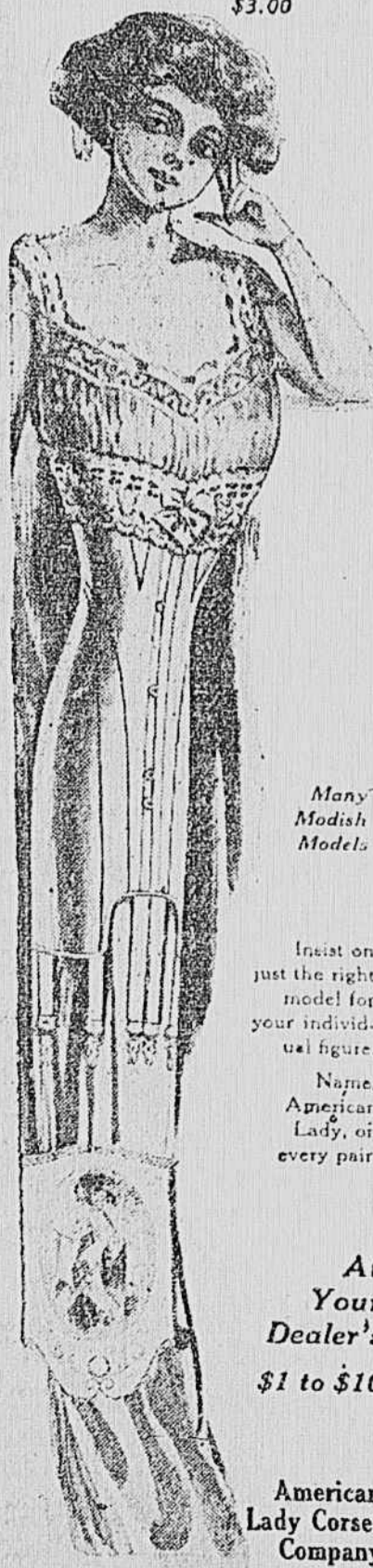
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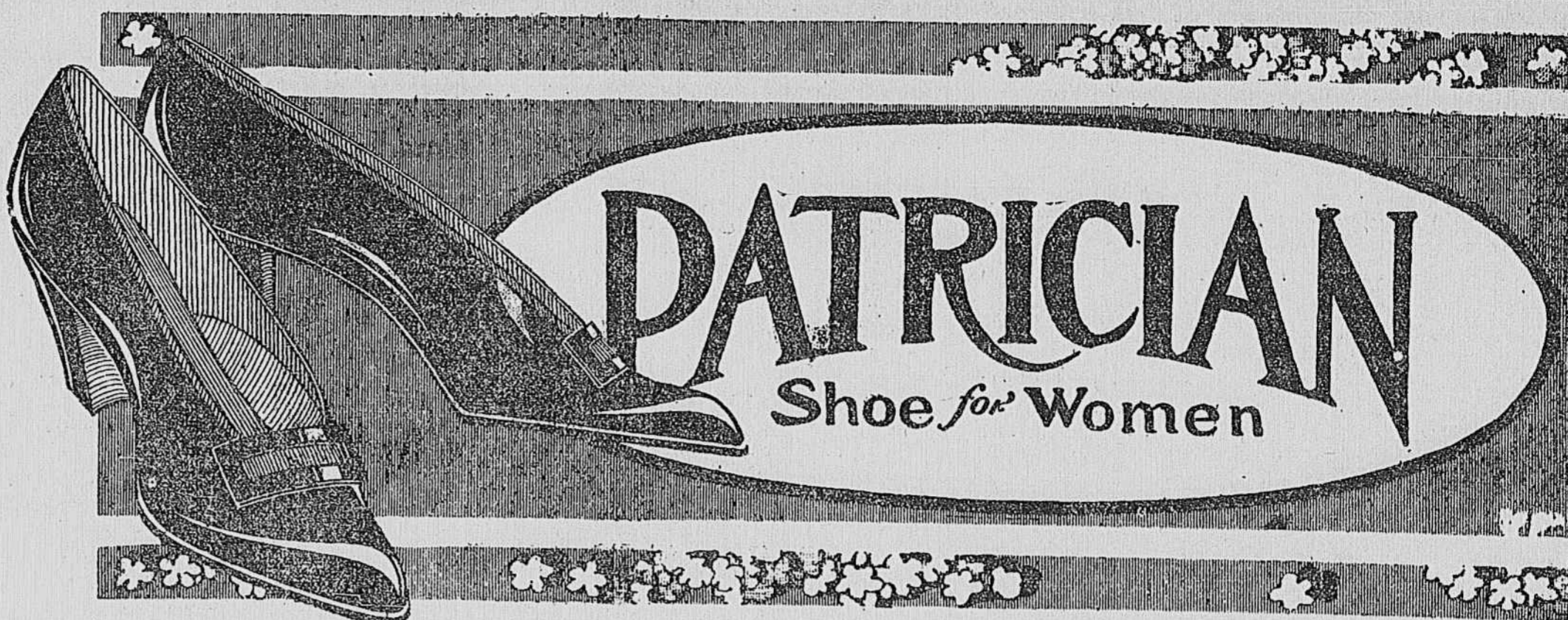
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ginia, accompanied by her sister, Mrs.
Young of Hampton, Va., is spending
the month in Cuba.

Mrs. Lizzie Southall Gunther, of
Charlottesville, has recently removed
to Washington, where she will in
future reside with her sister, Mrs.
Gunther and Miss Maud Gunther.
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Wadesboro Social News

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Wadesboro, N. C., March 25.—One of
the most delightful social events of the season
was given on last Friday evening, when Miss
Laura Virginia, the charming little daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Vin, entertained
in honor of the graded school teachers at
her home on West Wade Street. The guests
were received at the door by Mrs. W. C. Vin
and Miss Angela Petzer. In an interesting
game of Progressive Forty-two the women's
prize, a box of stationery, went to Miss
Anna Lee Harper, while W. J. McKinnon
won the gentlemen's prize, a Turkish pipe.
Miss Bernice Turner, little Laura Virginia's
teacher, was the guest of honor and was
presented with a handsome box of candy.
After the prizes had been awarded a del-
icious salad course was served by Mrs. L. B.
Robinson, Miss Angelyn Petzer and Mrs. W.
C. Vin. After a late hour the guests re-
luctantly took their departure. Those enjoy-
ing Miss Vin's hospitality were Misses Lalla
Walker Flora McKinnon, Annie Lee Harper,
Jennie B. Ross, Ethel Terrell, Ethel Dun-
lap, Rosa Moore, Herice Turner and An-
gela Petzer, and Messrs. W. C. Bivens,
Nathan Lockhart, Jas. Liles, W. C. Bennett,
T. J. Petzer, Dr. W. L. McKinnon, Harry
Covington, Philip Caraway and Prof. J. H.
McKee.

Mrs. L. H. Huntley was the charming
hostess to the Tuesday Afternoon Club on
the eve of St. Patrick's Day. The decora-
tions were suitable for the occasion. Beauti-
ful green shamrock cards, tied with

the colors of the Emerald Isle, were made
more unique when the guests read aloud the
lines written upon them, which when finish-
ed completed a lovely poem of St. Patrick.
Forty-two was the social diversion, and the
highest score was made by Mrs. H. H. Mc-
Lendon and Mrs. W. C. Vin. Each won a
beautiful prize. The tables were daintily
flowered in green baskets, and delightful
salad course was served.

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and Misses Dora Lampley and Berta Greps
attended the Woman's Union Missionary
Convention of the First Baptist Church,
which met at Wilmington.

Covington Social News

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Covington, Va., March 25.—Sam
Burger, R. S. Lockhart, J. J. Pfadt and
two sons, Roy and Harry, all of this
place, left this week for Phoenix, Ariz.,
and Los Angeles, Cal., on an extended
trip.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sanner and
daughter, Miss Susie, of Dayton, O.,
are guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ma-
thoney.

Miss Cleo Mathoney spent several
days this week with her sister, Miss
Nellie, who is attending school at
Lewisburg, W. Va.

Postmaster, W. F. Chapman and
County Treasurer J. D. Mathoney, were
at Lynchburg for a few days this week.

Mrs. W. R. Gentry, of Clifton Forge,
spent several days with her brother, F.
M. Mathoney, this week.

Miss Bettie Toykes, of Clifton Forge,
was the guest of Miss Grace Bell for
a few days this week.

Mrs. J. S. Earman, after a lengthy
visit with friends in Richmond, has
returned home.

Miss Genevieve Stull spent Sunday
with her parents at Rich Patch, Va.
Mrs. Brown, of Elkins, W. Va., is
visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Es-
tlin, at this place.

Robert Lear, formerly of this place,
but now of Charleston, W. Va., spent
several days with his father, J. J.
Lear.

J. R. Pirkey and Dr. A. C. Jones
were in Harrisonburg and Staunton
for a few days this week.

J. A. Pfadt, of Clifton Forge, was
here for two days this week.

S. L. Talley visited friends at Orange

for a few days this week.
W. F. Perry and William D. McAl-
ister were at Staunton last Thursday
evening. Gus Keek, of Richmond, is visiting
his brother, C. A. Keek, at this place.

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